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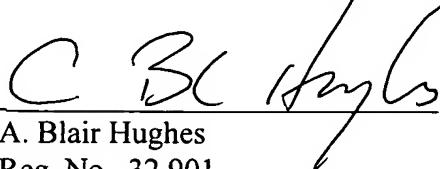
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. These references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. Copies of the non-U.S. Patent references cited below are enclosed along with a completed Form-1449.

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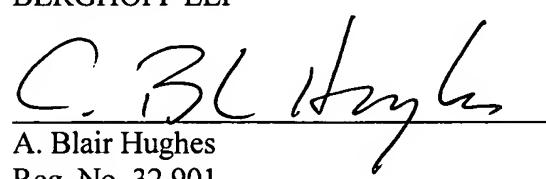
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